

In the Drawings

No objections to the drawings were indicated in the Office Action.

REMARKS

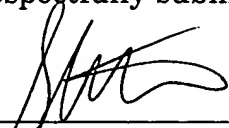
Claims 1, 2, 12, 13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Patent 2,336,012 to Hackethal. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patent 1,786,644 to Davis. Claims 3, 4, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hackethal patent in view of the patent to Rahaim. Finally, Claims 7, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis.

However, all of the independent claims of the subject application have been amended to recite the fact that the slats are positioned in the same plane. In contrast, the slats of the asserted prior art blades are stacked to lie in parallel planes. Further, the dowel of the amended independent claims extends width-wise through the slats to connect them edge-to-edge – thereby resulting in a planar ceiling fan blade. In contrast, the stacked slats of the asserted prior art blades are connected together with bolts that extend through the top surface of one blade and then out its bottom surface, and then into each next slat in the stack. The prior art therefore teaches away from the claimed invention.

All grounds of rejection having been overcome by the amendments hereinabove, reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was placed in an envelope and mailed via U.S. Express Mail (No. ER480244552US), postage prepaid to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this the 22nd day of November, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1667.



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